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Note by the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.46

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.46, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as may be required for the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention to be held on 12 and 13 December 2002, as well as for any possible continuation of work after the meeting, should the States parties deem it appropriate;

(b) Also request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, to continue to inform the General Assembly periodically of ratifications and acceptances of and accessions to the Convention and the Protocols thereto;

2. The requests contained in operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of the draft resolution are related to programme 2, Disarmament, and programme 6, General Assembly affairs and conference management, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,[1] and section 4, Disarmament, and section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.[2]

3. No provision has been made under section 4, Disarmament, or section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for

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the biennium 2002-2003 to cover the costs related to the activities required by operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of the draft resolution. The costs related to activities associated with such meetings shall be met in accordance with the arrangements made by the States parties and no additional cost shall be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations.

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, no modifications would be required in the programme of work of section 4, Disarmament, as the activities that would be undertaken under the draft resolution fall under subprogramme 1, Multilateral negotiations on arms limitation and disarmament, of the section.

5. Estimates for the Meeting of States parties to the Convention were approved by the States parties at the Second Review Conference, on 21 December 2001.

6. Activities related to international conventions or treaties that, under their respective legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations may be undertaken by the Secretariat only when sufficient funding is received, in advance, from the States parties. Furthermore, in accordance with established procedures, the United Nations would levy a charge at a rate of 13 per cent of expenditure for such activities to defray the administrative and other support costs incurred in their implementation. For the Meeting of States parties to the Convention, such expenses, estimated at $346,500, would also be borne by the States parties.

7. Furthermore, in accordance with established policies and procedures in the United Nations, a provision of $46,000, corresponding to 15 per cent of the estimated costs of the meeting (inclusive of programme support costs), would have to be made for a contingency reserve to cover eventual shortfalls and final expenditures.

8. The total cost of the Meeting of States parties to the Convention, which would be held in Geneva on 12 and 13 December 2002, is estimated at $392,500, as detailed below:

Meeting of States parties to the Convention

(United States dollars)[a]

(a)	Conference-servicing costs (inclusive of 13% programme support)	
	Meeting servicing	18 000
	Pre-session documentation	59 000
	In-session documentation	59 000
	Post-session documentation	57 800
	Summary records	56 600
	General service requirements	1 500
	Other conference services	4 300
	Subtotal (a) (inclusive of 13% programme support)	**256 200**

(b)	Non-conference-servicing costs	
	Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference	7 000
	One P-3	45 000
	One G-4	27 900
	Subtotal (b)	**79 900**
(c)	Programme support costs @ 13% of (b)	10 400
	Total ((a) + (b) + (c))	**216 500**
(d)	Reserve for contingency (15 per cent of costs, exclusive of provision for programme support costs)	46 000
	Grand total	**392 500**

[a] All figures are rounded to the nearest $100.

9. The costing provided herein is for indicative purposes only. The States parties to the Convention would have to bear, in full, the actual costs of holding the Meeting of States parties to the Convention.

10. **Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.46, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.**

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/57/6/Rev.1).

[2] Ibid., *Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/56/6/Add.2).